Teacher Strike

*28.SHRIASHOKNATHVERMA;

DR.BAPUKALDATE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2493 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the teachers in the Government and the aided schools in Delhi recently went on a strike which continued for more than a month;

(b) whether this strike had any adverse effect on the examinations of the students; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCA-. TION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): -(a) to (c) The teachers of schools run by- Delhi Administration and Municipal Corporation of Delhi went on sit-in. strike w. e. f.. 13-2-87. The teachers of N. D. M. C. Sr. Secondary Schools went on strike, between 9-3-87 to 24-3-87 and N. D. M. C. Nursery And Primary School teachers • went on strike between 12-3-87 to 24-3. 87. They called off the strike on 25-3-87. The strike did disrupt the studies in schools. However, as far as examinations for classes X and XII are concerned, out of four such examinations which are conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education, only one, the Delhi Secondary Schools Examination, had to be postponed by one week owing to the strike by teachers. Internal examinations for various classes in schools were not schedued to be held in the period covered by the strike. They will be., held before summer vacations.

Royalty paid by M/s. A. H. Wheeler ' & Company to Northern Railway

*29. SHRI CHATURANAN MISH. RA: Will the Minister of. RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in 1985 M|s. A. H. Wheeler & Company paid royalty charges amounting to Rs. 3. 5 lakhs to Northern Railway as against an expenditure of about Rs. 5. 5 lakhs incurred on account of issue of 1st and 2nd Class free rail passes to the Company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): In 1985, M|s. A. H. Wheeler & Co. paid Rs. 3, 31, 615 as royalty, to Northern Railway. It is not possible to compute the value of card passes issued to them.

Spread of Kala-Azar in Bengal and Bihar

*30. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are awar$_e$ of the recent spread of Kala-azar affecting millions of people in the. country, the States of Bengal and Bihar being the worst hit and that over 1000 people have died of the disease during the last one year;

(b) if so, what is the number of cases reported in each of the affected States (State-wise) as compared to the cases reported during the years 1984 and 1985 respectively; and

(c) what are the main causes for the rise in the incidents of Kala-azar and what preventive measures have been taken by Government to check the spread of the desease and to provide adequate medical care to the affected persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); *(a)* to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement'

The Government are aware of the incidence of Kala-azar in the country As per the information received from the affected States, the number

of cases of Kala-azar during 1984, 1985 and 1986 is as under:

	1984	1985	1986
Bihar	12985	13029	11838
West Bengal	4233	4247	3718
Tamil Nadu	2	...	...
Uttar Pradesh	3	..	..
Delhi	1*	1*	4*
TOTAL	17224	17277	15560

♦Imported Casses

However, only 66 deaths have been reported during 1986 as per reports received from the affected States. (Bihar-4l and West Bengal-25).

Kala-azar is a vector-brone disease caused by Sandfly. It is highly suceptible to DDT.

To check the spread of Kala-azar, the following measures are being taken:

1. The Dte of N. M. E. P. |N. I. C. D are rendering technical guidance to the States to control the disease and undertake other remedial meatuses, which includes house to house case finding, entomological studies, ' 'training programmes, insecticidal spray etc.

2. Required quantities of insecticides (DDT) for control of Kala-azar are being supplied to States out of NMEP budget on 50 50 cost sharing basis between States and Central Government.

3. The incidence of Kala-azar in the country is being monitored by the Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme.

Expansion of TelecommunicationServices in rural areas inM. P & U. P.

♦31. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRA-TAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern ment have taken steps for the expan sion of telephone exchanges in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi in view of long waiting lists there;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have finalised schemes for expansion of specific programmes of Postal and Telecommunication services in. rural areas of U. P. and M. P,; and

(d) if so, what are the broad details of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICA-TIONS (SHIR ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Steps have been taken for the expansion of telephone exchanges in